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## **Border Patrol Agent Intercepts Port Runner on I-805**

*Heroin, cocaine, methamphetamines valued at over \$400,000 found in trunk*

**San Ysidro, California** – On Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, Border Patrol Agents from the San Diego Border Patrol Sector intercepted a vehicle that had fled from U.S. Customs officials at the San Ysidro Port of Entry.

The incident occurred at approximately 1:30PM, when Border Patrol Agents were notified by Customs that a red sedan had run the port of entry. Five minutes later, an alert Border Patrol Agent spotted a red 2001 Pontiac Grand Am exiting Interstate 805 onto Palm Avenue driving with two flat tires. The Agent stopped the vehicle and took the female driver, a Mexican national, into custody after she admitted to being in the country illegally.

During a search of the vehicle, Border Patrol Agents found nine packages of illicit narcotics hidden in the trunk of the vehicle, including:

- More than 5 kilograms of heroin with an estimated street value of \$380,000.00.
- 1 kilogram of cocaine valued at \$20,000.00.
- 2 ½ kilograms of methamphetamine, with an estimated street value of \$42,000.00.

When Customs Officers arrived on the scene they identified the woman as the driver that fled from the San Ysidro Port of Entry. The driver, narcotics, and the vehicle were turned over to U.S. Customs for prosecution.

**-- Photographs of the incident are available upon request --**